

WASHINGTON, DC – In response to the release of a new federal study that shows that the U.S. spent an average of \$7,681 per person on health care in 2008, Congressman Charlie Wilson released the following statement:

“The study released today highlights the need for comprehensive health care reform. Health care spending continues to outpace our economic growth. More importantly, health care spending has grown much faster than the average American family’s budget. Anything driving nearly 20-percent of our economy must be stabilized. This is why we’re working so hard on health care reform. The Affordable Health Care for America Act isn’t perfect, but it’s a critically important start that will improve employer based coverage for 365,000 residents of Ohio’s Sixth Congressional District. In my district it will also provide credits to help pay for coverage for up to 174,000 households, close the prescription drug donut hole for 9,200 seniors and provide coverage for 45,000 residents who currently have no health care. I look forward to carefully reviewing the final bill.”

The new study by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid appeared today in the journal Health Affairs.